

# Disaster Preparedness Summit 2010

Business Continuity Planning & Key Relationships



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# Key Areas of Expertise

- A nonprofit partnership fostering collaboration among competitors on BCP issues and between them and the public sector at all levels.
  - Although focused on the financial sector, membership is open to all firms.
  - As our motto indicates, ChicagoFIRST is a regional partnership with relationships from local to national, which provides members with unique resilience tools.
  - Co-chair with the Chicago OEMC the Chicago Critical Infrastructure Resilience Task Force.
  - Co-chair of the Private Sector Committee of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.
  - Serve on the executive committee of the national financial sector partnership.
  - Founded and lead the council of nearly two dozen “FIRST” organizations.
  - At the request of DHS, chair the council of national partnerships.
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# Key Components of Resilience

- Firm resilience depends on a resilient system. A perfectly protected firm cannot survive alone (NYSE).
- A resilient private sector depends on a resilient community (reach out locally to understand how emergencies will be handled and what your role will be).
- Criticality is local (small community banks); resilience is national (pandemic, Katrina, 9/11).
- Relationships at ALL levels of government, leveraging existing networks or establishing your own (Internet congestion).
- Resilience improves the bottom line (LaSalle Bank) .